

Guidelines for Interacting with Law Enforcement



- Think carefully, about your words, movement, body language, and emotions.
- Answer all questions pertaining to your identity truthfully.
- Don't get into an argument with the officer.
- Remember, anything you say or do can be used against you.
- Keep your hands where the police can see them.
- **Don't run. Don't touch** any police officer.
- **DO NOT resist** even if you believe you are innocent.
- If an officer has a "reasonable suspicion" you may be carrying a weapon, you may be subjected to a "pat-down" search. Do not resist the search.
- Ask if you are under arrest. If you are, you have a right to know why.
- Do not interfere with, or obstruct the police -- you can be arrested for it.
- NEVER attempt to interfere with the arrests of others.
- **NEVER** attempt to flee or evade a police officer under any circumstances.

IF YOU'RE STOPPED IN YOUR VEHICLE

- Slow down; safely pull over as soon as you can.
- Stay in the driver's seat with both hands in sight on the steering wheel. **Do not exit the car** unless asked to do so.
- Upon request, show them your driver's license and proof of insurance.
- Avoid making any sudden or reaching movements.
- If you're given a citation, **you should sign it.** You can always dispute the case in court later. Remember, a citation is **NOT** an admission of guilt, it is simply a promise to appear in front of the judge for the offense.
- If you're suspected of drunk driving (DWI) and refuse to take a blood or breath test, your driver's license may be suspended.

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